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Reduction of water-tax in Coimbatore.

* 547 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether memorials have been presented to Government by the Municipal Council and citizens of Coimbatore, asking for a reduction in the water-tax to be paid annually by house-owners to the Municipal Council for various reasons;

(*b*) whether the memorials referred to above asked for the inclusion within municipal limits, of the Central Jail and the Police Recruits School which are entirely surrounded by municipal areas, and the Forest College and Agricultural College which are closely adjoining the municipal limits; and

(*c*) whether the Government have come to any decision on this matter and if so, to what effect?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) The Government are not prepared to order the inclusion of the institutions referred to.

Nomination of a Muhammadan to Mannargudi Municipal Council.

* 548 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a memorial from the Anjuman Jamiyathul Islam Sangam of Mannargudi regarding the nomination of a Muhammadan to the municipal council of that place; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any, and if so, what action in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The Government propose to appoint a Muhammadan in one of the existing vacancies in the Council.

Village Panchayats

Financial aid to village panchayats.

* 549 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what aid was rendered to village panchayats from Provincial funds—
(i) from the start up to the end of 1924–25;
(ii) during the years 1925-26 and 1926–27; and

(*b*) what aid was rendered to village panchayats from Local Board funds—
(i) from the start up to the end of 1924–25;
(ii) during the years 1925–26 and 1926–27;
(iii) what were the Local Boards that contributed funds with the amounts that they contributed?